

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2004, having a shortened statutory period set to expire December 29, 2004. Claims 1-2, 6, 8-10, 14, 16-18, and 24 have been amended and claims 4-5, 12-13, and 20-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 6-11, 14-19, and 22-24 are currently pending.

Amendments To The Specification

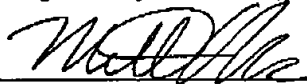
As set forth above, a few editorial amendments have been made to paragraphs describing Figures 16A-16C.

Allowable Subject Matter

In paragraph 18 of the Office Action, the Examiner has indicated that claims 5-8, 13-16, and 21-24 would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Independent claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended generally consistent with the indicated allowability of claims 5, 13 and 21, and fully consistent with the Examiner's cited grounds supporting allowability set forth at paragraphs 19 t. and u. of the Office Action. Applicants submit that claims 1, 9, 17 and all claims depending therefrom have been placed in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is hereby respectfully requested.

Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney of record at (512) 343-6116 if such would further or expedite the prosecution of the present Application. No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to **IBM Corporation Deposit Account Number 09-0447**.

Respectfully submitted,



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